

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1996 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

*** ALL FIREFIGHTERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE ASSIGNMENT ***

CURRENT SITUATION: High winds continued to plague suppression efforts on several large fires in the Southwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. A Type I Incident Management Team was mobilized to the Bridger Complex in the Southwest Area yesterday afternoon. While winds caused problems on the Bridger Complex in the Southwest, containment objectives were achieved on the Pot and Cottonwood fires allowing evacuated residents to return. Resource mobilization through NICC remained steady. Favorable weather has aided the fire situation in the Canadian Provinces of Saskatchewan and Quebec. Fire activity has moderated somewhat in Ontario, Canada.

Southwest Area Large Fires:

KaCo Area Command. An Area Command Team is managing all incidents in the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests.

BRIDGER COMPLEX, Kaibab NF. A Type I (Loving) and Type II (Macdonald) Incident Management Teams are assigned. This fire is 25 miles southwest of Jacob Lake, AZ on the border of Grand Canyon NP. This complex is comprised of the BRIDGER KNOLL, JUMP and PASS fires. The Bridger Knoll fire made a major run, covering 9 miles in 4 hours at its' peak. The Big Springs Administrative site was evacuated. The Forest also ordered a precautionary evacuation of the Jacob Lake Campground. Local businesses have also been advised of possible evacuations. The fire is estimated at 19,700 acres. The Jump fire also made major runs and is threatening to burn onto the Arizona Strip District, BLM. The fire was 5,188 acres and is now estimated at 14,700 acres.

PEAKS COMPLEX, Coconino NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bedlion) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the HOCHDERFFER, FREIDLEIN, and WALNUT fires. The Freidlein and Walnut fires are controlled. The Hochderffer fire is 15 miles northwest of Flagstaff, AZ. Good progress was made despite erratic winds up to 35 MPH. All constructed line held. Private lands and structures in the Indian Flats area and other subdivisions were protected and held. Residents have been allowed to return under an advisory that they may have to evacuate again.

NICOLE, Santa Fe NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Lente) is assigned. The fire is approximately 8 miles east of Jemez Springs, NM. Fire activity was light yesterday and the increase in acreage is due to re-mapping. The main body of the fire and most of the spots are lined. Line improvement and checking for spots are necessary before declaring the fire contained. Some demobilization may begin today.

The Southwest Area has 3 fires in confinement strategy totalling 20,636 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOST	SSS LOSS
BRIDGER COMPLEX	KNF	AZ	33,408	20	7/03	741	26	20	9	0	NR	4.3M

PEAKS COMPLEX	COF	AZ	16,350	50	6/28	1,058	38	26	3	2	NR	2.1M
NICOLE	SNF	NM	395	50	6/28	455	14	11	4	0	NR	724K
COTTONWOOD	ASF	AZ	1,484	100	----	551	19	37	2	0	NR	503K
POT	COF	AZ	7,000	100	----	431	10	28	2	0	NR	1.2M
BOWIE/DOS	SAD	AZ	1,227	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	0	30K

Eastern Great Basin Area Large Fires:

LITTLE SAHARA COMPLEX, Richfield District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Birch) is assigned. The fire is located 30 miles west of Nephi, UT. The complex consists of the POLE CANYON, CHERRY CREEK and LITTLE SAHARA fires. Significant fire activity was reported on the Little Sahara fire (45,000 acres). The Pole Canyon (2,100 acres) and Cherry Creek (180 acres) were quiet yesterday. The towns of Tintic, Boulter, Lofgreen, Eureka, Silver City and Mammoth are currently threatened. Evacuation plans have been prepared.

POLE CREEK, Fishlake, NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Shive) is assigned. The fire is located 16 miles southeast of Beaver, UT. Winds of 15-25 MPH caused extreme fire behavior at the north end of the fire, hindering all suppression efforts. Threatened resources include a watershed, power and gas lines, and summer homes near Puffer Lake.

SHEEP ROCKS, Salt Lake District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Butler) is assigned. This fire is located 15 miles southwest of Vernon, UT. Strong south winds pushed the fire to the north, escaping containment lines. One summer cabin was destroyed by this blaze. Watersheds, wildlife habitats, ranches and Native American lands are threatened.

SOLDIER PASS, Utah State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. Extreme fire behavior in heavy fuels made suppression efforts difficult. FAA towers, powerlines, an IRECO explosive plant, and repeater sites are threatened.

ABAJO COMPLEX, Manti-Lasal NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Burdick) has been ordered and will take over the fire at 0600 today. High winds, steep terrain, dry fuels and poor accessibility are causing control problems.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	SSS
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
LITTLE SAHARA C	RID	UT	47,280	10	UNK	400	14	46	3	0	NR	738K
POLE CREEK	FIF	UT	4,500	30	UNK	222	8	2	1	0	NR	225K
SHEEP ROCKS	SLD	UT	7,750	20	6/30	316	12	6	3	1	20K	140K
SOLDIER PASS	UTS	UT	2,000	10	6/27	150	5	10	2	0	NR	150K
ABAJO COMPLEX	MLF	UT	200	0	6/28	0	0	0	0	0	NR	10K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

AUTUMN HILLS, Nevada State Division of Forestry. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) is assigned. The fire is approximately 15 miles south of Carson City, NV. Favorable weather with 50 degree temperatures, snow along the ridge line and rain in the valley decreased fire activity significantly, allowing resources to make good progress. Demobilization has begun. The power company estimates damages near \$1,000,000 to

powerline poles.

The Western Great Basin has 1 fire in modified suppression strategy for 6,700 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
AUTUMN HILLS	NVS	NV	3,430	70	6/27	815	30	39	4	4	2M	1.1M

Southern California Large Fires:

SIERRA, Sequoia NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Dague) is assigned. The fire is 6 miles north of Kernville, CA. The weather moderated allowing crews to make good progress.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SIERRA	SQF	CA	1,026	60	6/28	520	19	7	2	0	100K	141K

Eastern Area Large Fires:

SOUTH TEMPERANCE, Superior NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bonde) is assigned. This fire is burning in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness 25 miles north of the town of Tofte, MN. Air and ground suppression forces made good progress in extinguishing hot spots near containment lines due to favorable weather. Rehabilitation is planned to begin today.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
S TEMPERANCE	SUF	MN	4,130	90	6/27	257	8	0	4	0	NR	1.5M

Alaska Large Fires:

Alaska has 31 fires in limited suppression strategy totalling 157,416 acres.

Canada Large Fires:

GRAHAM COMPLEX, Thunder Bay, Ontario. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. The complex is 90 miles northwest of Thunder Bay, Ontario. Threats are to high value plantations and harvest allocation lands. The fires were active; torching and occasional crowning with relative humidities at 43%. The Complex increased by 200 acres yesterday. Problems in obtaining key supplies resulted in very slow production. The Team continues to work closely with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

INCIDENT NAME	COUNTRY	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL CTN	CRW PERS	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
GRAHAM COMPLEX	CANADA	7,300	28	UNK	159	6	0	0	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

FIRE WEATHER WATCHES ARE POSTED FOR:
 SOUTHERN AND EASTERN NEVADA FOR STRONG WINDS,
 NORTHERN AND WESTERN ARIZONA FOR DRY LIGHTNING AND STRONG GUSTY WINDS,
 WESTERN UTAH FOR HIGH WINDS, DRY LIGHTNING AND LOW FUEL MOISTURE & HUMIDITIES.

The western U.S. will have scattered showers and thunderstorms in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, portions of New Mexico and eastern Utah. The remainder of the West will be warm with isolated late afternoon thunderstorms. Some of these thunderstorms will produce dry lightning and gusty winds. Portions of Arizona, Nevada and Utah will be windy. High temperatures will range from the 60's in the northern mountains to the 90's in the southwest deserts. Alaska will be cloudy with showers and 10-15 MPH southeast winds. High temperatures will be in the 50's and 60's. Northern Minnesota will be partly sunny with scattered showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from 80 to 90. The fire workload is expected to increase in the Southwest and Great Basin Areas due to forecasted high winds over several areas experiencing large fires. These winds will make initial attack success difficult with a good probability of fires escaping.

***** REMINDER *****
 The chain saw chaps inspection at the Great Basin Cache at NIFC ends 6/30/96.

FIRES: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		0	0		3		3
NORTHWEST					5	6	11
CA-NORTHERN					18	3	21
CA-SOUTHERN					21	2	23
NORTHERN					4	1	5
GB-EASTERN		2				2	4
GB-WESTERN		2					2
SOUTHWEST	4	1			10	6	21
ROCKY MTN		5				4	9
EASTERN						1	1
SOUTHERN			1		48		49
USA	4	10	1	0	109	25	149

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA		19,641	12,104	15,493			47,238
NORTHWEST					1	0	1
CA-NORTHERN					183	2	185
CA-SOUTHERN					14	10	24
NORTHERN					0	0	0
GB-EASTERN		22,753				367	23,120
GB-WESTERN		127					127
SOUTHWEST	8	3			456	28,882	29,349
ROCKY MTN		2				0	2
EASTERN						1	1
SOUTHERN			1		166		167
USA	8	42,526	12,105	15,493	820	29,262	100,214

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	1	258	618
YUKON TERRITORY	3	590	81	5,771
ALBERTA	0	0	154	977
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	762	54	2,178
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	184	7,293
MANITOBA	0	0	165	44,606
ONTARIO	7	4,153	787	397,114
QUEBEC	1	3,917	822	205,281
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	46	113
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	221	1,579
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	217	627
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	17	172
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	28	4,228
TOTALS	19	9,424	3,034	670,557

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

NR = No Report

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